



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 117**

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Substitute House Bill No. 6061

*House of Representatives, March 22, 2017*

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through REP. HENNESSY of the 127th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT WAIVING THE FEE FOR VETERANS WHO HAVE CERTAIN DRIVER'S LICENSES OR IDENTITY CARDS REISSUED PRIOR TO EXPIRATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-50a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2017*):

4 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the fee charged by  
5 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the following items or services  
6 shall be twenty dollars:

7 (1) Duplicate of a registration certificate.

8 (2) (A) For each duplicate of a motor vehicle operator's license or  
9 identity card, thirty dollars. As used in this section, "duplicate" shall  
10 include any license or identity card that is reissued prior to the  
11 expiration date of a previously issued license or identity card, and  
12 [(A)] (i) is identical to the holder's most recently issued license or

13 identity card, or [(B)] (ii) contains modifications to one or more items  
14 of information that appear on the holder's most recently issued license  
15 or identity card.

16 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this  
17 subdivision [,] (i) one duplicate shall be issued, for a fee of five dollars,  
18 to the holder of a license or identity card who reaches the age of  
19 twenty-one years, and (ii) one duplicate shall be issued, in accordance  
20 with subsection (e) of section 14-36h, free of charge, to the holder of a  
21 license or identity card indicating such holder's status as a veteran.

22 (3) Replacement number plate or set of number plates, except as  
23 provided in subsection (c) of section 14-253a.

24 (4) Replacement number plate or set of number plates bearing same  
25 number as set of replaced plates.

26 (5) Certified abstract of driving history record, or driving history  
27 record for applicants for commercial driver's license with passenger  
28 endorsement or transportation permit.

29 (6) Name of registered owner.

30 (7) Operator license information.

31 (8) Certification of any copy or record.

32 (9) Certified transcripts of hearing held and transcribed by the  
33 commissioner, three dollars and fifty cents per page with a minimum  
34 charge of twenty dollars.

35 (10) Each copy of a motor vehicle operator's completed application  
36 for a license.

37 (11) Each copy of a completed application for registration of a motor  
38 vehicle.

39 (12) Each copy of a title document provided to a municipality.

40 (13) Each request for information as provided in section 14-10, the  
41 amount provided in said section.

42 (14) Each document from a motor vehicle record, as defined in  
43 section 14-10, that is electronically maintained by the Department of  
44 Motor Vehicles.

45 (15) For any copy or material released from information maintained  
46 by the Department of Motor Vehicles for which no fee is established by  
47 statute, an amount determined by the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2017	14-50a(a)
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***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

In Section 1(a)(2)(B)(ii), "in accordance with subsection (e) of section 14-36h," was inserted after "issued," and ", as described in subsection (e) of section 14-36h" was deleted for clarity; and the title was changed.

**VA**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 18 \$	FY 19 \$
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Revenue Loss	See Below	See Below

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

#### ***Explanation***

The bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to waive the \$30 duplicate driver's license fee for any veteran who wants to obtain a veteran's driver's license before their renewal date. The revenue loss will be dependent on the number of veterans who already have a driver's license without the flag. There are approximately 217,000 veterans in the state of Connecticut and in FY 15, 589 veterans received a duplicate license resulting in \$16,890 in revenue. It should be noted there is no additional cost for veterans to receive the veteran's driver's license when obtaining a license or renewing a license.

#### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future dependent on the number of veterans.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 6061*****AN ACT WAIVING THE FEE FOR VETERANS WHO HAVE CERTAIN DRIVER'S LICENSES OR IDENTITY CARDS REISSUED PRIOR TO EXPIRATION.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the motor vehicles commissioner to waive the \$30 fee for one duplicate driver's license or non-driver identity card issued to a veteran.

Under the law, a "duplicate" license or identity card is one reissued before the expiration date of a previously issued credential and identical to the most recently issued one, or that contains modifications to the most recently issued one

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

**BACKGROUND*****Veteran Status***

Veterans may ask the veterans affairs commissioner to have their veteran status indicated on their state driver's license or non-driver identity card. If the commissioner verifies that a requestor is a veteran, he must inform the Department of Motor Vehicles, which must indicate the person's veteran status on any original or duplicate license or identity card issued to or renewed by the person (CGS § 14-36h(e)).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/02/2017)